









# THE CLASH OF ARMS.

A ROMANCE.

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CHAPTER V.

"HIS NAME IS WHAT?"

"Sound! Sound!" said the Marquis Debraques, addressing two of his troopers who carried long, slim trumpets over their shoulders. "Sound, I say, and let these drummers know that the army is about to march. Sound to let them know that, in spite of Brandenburg and Zell, Swabia and Franconia, and a dozen other petty principalities under their master, Austria, France is not afraid!"

He spoke vauntingly this fine July morning as, it being almost eleven o'clock, the sun sent a thin slanting ray down the narrow street and illuminated the great carved coat of arms that stood out over the doorway of the Debraques' House, while it lit up the archways and ruelles hard by; and, perhaps, the vaunt was pardonable. For, above, at a heavily grained window, his mother was seated, and he was to be seen again through the greater part of the night, which they had spent together—looked forth, and by her side stood his two child-sisters. Also, he was going to maintain as best he might the honour of all the dead and gone Debraques who had followed their king as gallant warriors for centuries, and had either perished victoriously in this old house or left their bones to whiten where they fell.

Close by, his hat in hand, because of the presence of the Marquis at the window above, and with a quiet smile upon his dark, handsome features, sat Andrew upon his great horse; himself ready to set out, and to be seen again through the greater part of the night, which they had spent together—looked forth, and by her side stood his two child-sisters. Also, he was going to maintain as best he might the honour of all the dead and gone Debraques who had followed their king as gallant warriors for centuries, and had either perished victoriously in this old house or left their bones to whiten where they fell.

Ring down the length of the street, waking sleepers in their beds and causing many to leap from them and run to the windows, what brave army was taking place beneath, what the blare of two trumpets, and so, amidst their noise the little cavalcade set forth, the young Marquis waving and kissing his hand until a turn of the narrow winding road between the houses had thrown him beyond his view, while Andrew bowed low again and to the ladies.

And still they woke the echoes as they went on and on till the East Gate was reached and passed, and more people left their beds to peer at them and point with approval to the two cavaliers who rode ahead of the troop—the one so young and fair and debonair, the other so large and bronzed, and looking like some paladin of old. They were not alone, and at the penon which fluttered from the lances of the two foremost dragoons.

Behind them came the led horses, extra chargers for the Marquis and for Andrew, each suited to the weight of their riders—Andrew had had a difficulty to purchase one suitable to his requirements—while other animals carrying the baggage necessary for all—changes of raiment and accoutrements for the backs and breasts of gentlemen and troopers alike, as well as spare arms and powder and ball that might—who knew?—be wanted in the enemies' neighbourhood if they missed Turenne's army. At the forethought of Madame la Marquise and an antique housekeeper who had served the Debraques since she was a child—two other animals carried great wicker panniers in which were many things that the poor and overtaxed inn on the road—for from all parts of France reinforcements were marching to Turenne's camp, sometimes, even, in whole regiments—were not likely to be able to provide. Outlets of good wine, carefully preserved meats, fine chipbread, pressed poultry and conserved fruits; all were there, as well as many other things that the army might need, and which were there was much provision for the animals—which Andrew had superintended—and which was perhaps the most necessary of all, for on everyone of the principal roads leading to the seat of the great war now raging in the Palatinate, there stood a host of battalions and regiments having swept bare the country round.

"Peste!" exclaimed the Marquis as, on the tenth day, they found themselves more than half-way between Metz and Spire, and knew now that they were within measurable distance of the army. "Peste! there is nothing left, not so much as a drop of wine in the canteen nor a drumstick of a fowl. Madame ma mere should have had one more pannier packed, whereby we should have done well enough, or, better still, we might have economized our resources. And the country is a clean sweep of everything on this high road. What is to become of the animals?"

"Have patience," replied Andrew. "We are now part of Turenne's force. Therefore, we must take what we can. And we have already passed baggage vans going and coming for provisions, the next must be requisitioned. That is unless, at to-night's halt we find the whereabouts."

—but only to seek him high and low until he was found and then stand face to face with him!"

Yet there was one thing that troubled him even as he went to seek him: the recollection of one thing that might step in between him and De Bois-Valleé and rob him of that which he had come to consider would be a righteous vengeance.

"Suppose," he had mused to himself more than once, "suppose that, when he is at last before me, I discover that he never knew of Philip's existence, never nothing of the wrong he had done him? It might be so, might well be. Although Philip was at court sometimes they seem never to have met—and, if the woman he loved was a giddy, wanton thing, whose fancy turned lightly from one to another, she may never have told this Frenchman of the man she had betrayed."

Yet, as he so meditated he put resolutely away from him the thought that this could be the case; refused to believe, or to let the belief creep into his mind, that the crafty, discarded lover of De la Queroualle did not know of the robbery he was committing. "And," he meditated also, "even should he be the case, there is still the woman to make my account with. She at least knew the wrong she was doing. I must find her. But when he arrived at this point he had to cease his self-communing, for he knew not in what way vengeance could be wreaked on her. The rapier by his side was powerless against a woman—some other form of punishment must be sought for!"

Once on their long ride—nay, more than once, half a dozen times—he had turned over and over again in his mind the Marquis's strange agitation in connection with all that was of so much importance to him—the manner in which he had opened his eyes in the tavern, and stared look in them when the Marquis had mentioned De Bois-Valleé's name; also he recalled again and again the lad's stare when he told his own name; his pallor and nervousness before the picture of that cousin whom he spoke of as another "care" for by his mother. "Care" for, said Andrew, Vause mused again. "Care" for. In the past, not now! And he asked himself: "What had that red-haired, blue-eyed cousin done to cause to be cared for by his kinsman any longer? Unless he were dead!"

At last he could refrain no more, and as, one day, they were passing through the soft rolling country between Verdun and Metz he spoke to Debraques, saying:

"The cousin whose portrait I saw in your hall in Paris on the night when first you welcomed me, and afterwards, when Madame la Marquise made me an honoured guest, we set forth on this journey—is he dead, Debraques? You spoke of him as another 'care' for by his mother. Was he so? I should end to that care? He must be so, I should suppose, and as he uttered the question he turned his eyes on the boy by his side.

Yet only to see again the look he had seen before—

plication!—in the other's face; to note also that the bright boyish colour, beneath the brown which had come on his cheeks during their long march, paled and disappeared at once as he that night. Wherefore Andrew cursed himself for his ill-bred curiosity as he witnessed its effect.

"No," Valentin Debraques said, after a moment's pause during which he leaned forward and busied himself about something with his charger's bridle. "No. He is not dead."

"Forgive me," said Andrew gently. "I am sorry. I have pained you."

"Nay, Nay. Never! But—but—he is a villain and that picture should not be there, would not be there, and I had my way. But my mother still believes, hopes—tries to believe he is not so; therefore it has not been removed."

"Sorry my impertinent curiosity?"

"Nay," Debraques said. "Surely you—but no matter. Then he exclaimed, 'How good you are!'"

"Good!" said Andrew, looking at him again, and wondering what he meant, pondering, indeed, whether some stroke of the sun that had beaten fiercely on them since they left Paris had not touched his brain. "Good! Good!"

"For—for your forbearance, I mean." Yet, as he spoke there was a look of bewilderment on the young and troubled face that Andrew had seen before. "Peste! there is nothing left, not so much as a drop of wine in the canteen nor a drumstick of a fowl. Madame ma mere should have had one more pannier packed, whereby we should have done well enough, or, better still, we might have economized our resources. And the country is a clean sweep of everything on this high road. What is to become of the animals?"

know that two regiments of Dragoons, 'The King's' and 'The Queen's,' were marching ahead of them to reinforce Turenne who had suffered heavily at Sinheim—they observed that the whole heavens appeared on fire and were suffused with a bright red colour. Also, into the vast vault thus tinged, there shot up great flocks of flame of a deeper, more crimson hue, with sometimes amid them saffron-coloured ones, while, plain against the still lingering remnants of daylight, great masses of dun-coloured smoke arose.

"Grand Dieu!" exclaimed Debraques, while all, including dragoons and those who attended to the led horses, looked on amazed. "It must be the city of Spire in flames. Who has done it—Turenne or De Bourville, who commands against him?"

"Nay," said Andrew, no city that in flames had either Turenne or De Bourville, but the city of Sinheim, if there were so many around! No city, I say. See where the flames themselves fly up to the reddened sky; observe. They rise from all points ahead of us, and in some cases miles apart. Debraques," he added solemnly, "I have seen such a sight before. It has been done here before, too, I know. Tilly did it fifty years ago, and—"

"What—what—is it?" the boy asked, the two campaigns he had followed never having shown him sight of this nature.

"This. One of the two armies has withdrawn and it must be the Imperialists since Turenne beat them at Sinheim—the other is destroying the land, so that no more shall his enemy find shelter nor food enough for a grasshopper. That is what it means. Yet," he exclaimed, as now the flames and the dun-coloured smoke mounted more fiercely still into the crimsoned vault above, "it is horrible, awful! My God! It is awful!"

As he spoke there soon followed confirmation of his words. Down the poplar-fringed road along which they were proceeding, there came towards them in the night the sound of many horses' hoofs rushing madly, swiftly, and in an instant Andrew had warned Debraques to draw aside his dragoons and followers. "We know not yet who or what they are," he said; "best stand aside and see."

On came the others even as the suggestion was followed, and although in the gloom of the night that had closed in under the trees—they knew at once by the noise of the hoofs that they were of their own side. Then an officer followed by two dozen soldiers would almost have passed them when, beneath the poplars, he saw the headpieces of the dragoons and the glister of their trappings, and, as he did so, he reared an order to his own men to halt, after which, amidst the noise of the hoofs and the clatter of scabbards against spurs and horses' flanks, he called out in French:

"Speak—what troops are those?" while, as he did so, Andrew felt Debraques' hand clutch his arm convulsively—felt too that hand tremble on his sleeve.

"Answer him, answer him," he said, "or he may charge us. They are treble our number."

And from the Marquis's lips there came in response to his demand the words:

"A detachment of Listensai's dragoons, and an English officer about to join the Marshal."

"Whose voice is that?" called back the other in a tone of astonishment.

"The voice of Valentin, Marquis Debraques."

"Ha! I thought so. So you are here, are you? Well, I have no time to waste on you. Where are the dragoons of the King's and Queen's regiments?"

"Ahead of us," answered the deep voice of Andrew, he noticing that Debraques seemed more and more agitated—indeed, almost now unable to speak.

"Then they have missed their way. They should have joined by now. Have, perhaps, been overtaken by the Imperialists. Then he gave an order to the Marquis. 'Ride forward at once with your party and endeavour to find them, and if you succeed, send them on at once to Spire. There is the devil's work doing to-night!'"

"What work?" asked Andrew.

"Our men have lost all control of themselves and are burning the villages for miles round, while the country people are massacring all those whom they can catch alone, or in twos and threes. There is one of our soldiers hanging head downwards on a tree not half a league from here, ridden with a score of bullets, and with some of them being burnt if surprised when by themselves. Forward at once and find the Dragoons—they are, at least, not heated to boiling point!" and, as he spoke, Andrew heard the thud of his heels against his horse's flank and saw him rush on, followed by his men. And in the last rays of daylight, aided by the glow of countless fires, he observed that he was hatless and wigless, and that, behind him, streamed a mass of long red-brown hair.

as he had asked that other one, "And his name is—what?" The Marquis had given him order to advance as well as another to those who were to remain with the baggage, and it was most probable that, in the rattle and clatter of their steeds' hoofs and their accoutrements, it had escaped the other's ears.

And now, as they once more advanced—so swiftly that they had done as yet since quitting Paris—he knew that this was not the time for repeating his question. Moreover, he had not solemnly promised, all unthought of though the matter was by the Marquis, that never again would he mention his cousin? And, man of honour as he was, he knew that the promise bound him; that, even though his suspicions were growing hot and furious within him, he must be as dumb as he had been before.

Yet, he thought, the cousin is evidently a man of mark and position in the Army; soon I shall know if what my suspicions point to is the case. And then—well, there is time enough. At present our surroundings demand more than that which I seek to know—and to unravel. They did, indeed! Since, as they advanced kilometre by kilometre those surroundings became more awful. The sky was now one vast pall of fiery red stretching from horizon to horizon, yet spotted and blurred beneath in twenty different directions by dense, compact masses of flames enveloped in clouds of smoke—the flames and smoke of burning villages, homesteads, and châteaux. Also, the air rang with the sound of musket discharges, while shrieks were now and again borne to their ears by the soft wind that blew in their faces; rang with shouts and cries in French and German, and a cloude of smoke and the smoke of the burning villages, homesteads, and châteaux. 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## OUR LOCAL THEATRES

## BEHIND THE SCENES.

BOND-ST., PICCADILLY, AND NEIGH-  
BOURHOOD.

may convey the notion that he has some connection with aristocracy his country. At the same time it somewhat disconcerted by the massive sabots he wears and with which he clatters over the streets of London. Very plaintive, and at times rather distressing, is the music that he plays out from his small obelisk machine. Now that he plays a lot of present popularity, and all his musical efforts somewhat confused memories of the past. The harmonious whistling of the streets watches him with appreciative demeanour. Evidently the "hurdy gurdy" business is remunerative, that is judging from his friend's appearance, which is distinctly "made" and whatever reverses may have seen or felt in the past he had no perceptible effect on his job.

THE WAKEFIELD TRAGEDY

An inquiry was held at Wakefield last night with reference to the murderous assault which occurred there this morning. As soon as the case came into court, Mr. Alderson rose to wash, in charge of a nurse, one of them, named Eastwood, from London, near Halifax, began banging round. This annoyed another poor patient named Westerman, who said Eastwood was a dirty scoundrel. He jumped on the floor, kicked savagely until she became unconscious and swore that she would murder Eastwood if he did not stop. Eastwood expired without having regained consciousness.—Verdict, wilful murder against Westerman.

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Yet another singer, of fine voice and cul-

**ALHAMBRA.**  
THE NEW BALLET.  
No more beautiful ballet has been seen  
in recent years than "Victoria and Merri."  
Signorina Lernani.

light opera. The writing of a ballet must indeed, be an arduous task (Sir Arthur says it is equal to producing 250,000 words), for the composer, to be successful, must pour out continuous scenes constantly changing, and descriptive of the various events and actions suggested on the stage in dumb show. There is not a dull moment in the new score, not a single "cold effect"; all is delightfully useful, and all is deliciously scored. We have now an instance of that orchestral feeling which Sir A. Sullivan has, and which is the master key that appeals to the ear of the musician, and of the artful introduction of national melodies present for a bar or 2, and then lost in the work of the composer's inventiveness. The ballet is musically another leaf in laurel crown which long since proclaimed Sir A. Sullivan a master hand. Scenery

the strains of the National Anthem. At the first performance the new ballet was received with the utmost enthusiasm, the artists were warmly applauded, and Signor A. Sullivan, Signor Coppi, and Mr. A. Moul (the manager) were heartily complimented on having produced a work worthy the high traditions of the Alhambra, and worthy also the history of the reign it illustrated with such beauty of execution allied to such masterly music.

### WARDER DISMISSED FOR

**A CHILD IN GAOL**

The terror of a child in prison is quite limitless. I remember once in Reading, England, being in the dimly lit cell right opposite my own a small boy. Two warders—not unkindly men—were talking to him, with some strange advice and promises. I was in the cell with him, but the other was standing outside. The child's face was like a white waxen mask. He was a small, thin child, the terror of a human animal. The next morning I heard him breakfast time crying, and calling to be let out. His cry was a wailing cry. I was in the cell. I could hear the deep voice of the warder on duty telling him to keep quiet. Yet he was not even convicted of what he was charged with. He was charged with nothing, was simply on remand.

"This terror that seizes and dominates the child, as it seizes the grown man also," the writer further observes "is of course intensified beyond point of expression by the solitary cell system of our country. The prisoner is confined to his cell for 23 hours of the 24. This is

CRYING ALL DAY LONG, and perhaps half the night, in a low, dimly-lit cell, and is preyed upon by terror, simply cannot eat food of coarse, horrible kind. In the case of the little child to whom Warden Martin gave the biscuits, the child was crying with hunger on Tuesday morning, and utterly unable to eat bread and water served to it for breakfast. Martin went out before breakfast had been served and offered the few sweet biscuits for the child rather than the coarse, unwholesome foodification on his part, and was recognised by the child, who, quite unconscious of the regulation of the Prison Board, told one of the wardens how kind the junior warden had been to him. The result was, of course, a report and a dismissal.

**BRITISH OFFICERS TO PREP**

## TRAIN EXPLOSION. A VERDICT OF WILFUL MURDER

RETURNED.

**EVIDENCE AT THE INQUEST**  
The inquest on Harry Pitts, 37, of Wickham-rd., Coleraine Park, Tottenham, adjourned from April 30, was resumed at Golden-lane Mortuary by Mr. Langham. Mr. Pitts met with his death in the accident at Aldersgate Station, when an explosion occurred in a first-class compartment of the train due from Moorgate-st. Station on April 28.—Thomas Dunn.

can. The inspector at Aldersgate station, who witnessed the explosion, said it took place just as the train came up to the island platform. Suddenly he heard an explosion, felt a concussion, and saw a sharp bluish yellow light. People right and left of him were knocked down, but witness himself was not affected to such a serious extent. Immediately there was a blinding dust storm, which with the smoke, made it impossible to see where the explosion came from. Witness himself was embedded in the debris of the carriage, and he heard the cries and screams of others, who said that the engine boiler had burst. As quickly as he could he ran to the engine, to stop all trains.

—Dr. CALVERLEY, house surgeon at Bartholomew's Hospital, saw the accident about 15 minutes after the shock. He was chiefly suffering from a lacerated wound on the back of the right leg, and a large number of other wounds on the head and body. Pieces of wood and glass were apparently horse hair, were found in most of the wounds. The man was slumped at 11 o'clock the same night, the cause of death being shock. Before he died he frequently repeated, "What's happened?" and inquired whether he was injured, and whether he would lose his leg. There were 8 other persons admitted to the hospital, suffering from minor injuries.

from wounds similar to those of  
ceased. — Thomas Baney, carriage  
superintendent, who examined  
damaged train, stated that he found  
the second, third, and fourth comp  
ments of the first-class passenger  
to pieces, the top of the third c  
blown away, and a large  
knocked inward, on the gas cylinder  
on the left side of the carriage. Th  
was also some injury done to the  
compartment of the next carriage,  
a Chatham and Dover train  
damaged. — Mr. Dale: Have you  
had experience of similar explosions  
We, undoubtedly, had experience  
SIMILAR EXPLOSION IN 1883.  
I have never had experience of  
explosions, though I have seen c  
ders in which the gas has exploded  
and the cracks were larger  
ferent, while the biggest  
appeared in the building outward  
tion of inwards as on the cylinder  
question. — Joseph Howard, driver

the train, depose that he heard a report like a cannon going off, and a tapers of the carriage fell in all directions. Witness stopped the train coming in with the engine, and he thinks you can think you were with very great presence of mind in whistling 3 times to prevent the train coming in. The public will be very grateful for having prevented what might have been a serious accident.—Sir V. Majendie was called in evidence.

**EXPERT TESTIMONY.**

He said that if the explosion had been one of gas or a boiler explosion, it would not have been within his province to say that it was not an explosion of gas nor of steam. The condition of the cylinder negated absolutely and conclusively the possibility of the explosion having taken place inside the cylinder. Above the cylinder a part of the ironwork of the carriage was also damaged. Having regard to the position of the cylinder, and the way in which the gas, if it was possible for an accumulation of gas to have accumulated sufficiently to cause the explosion, and the effects could not have been produced

The position of the explosive, according to his researches, was exactly as described by the porter, Martin Vivian said he had Martin in the office, and while he was there a piece of fuse, and Martin identified as similar to the smoke he saw. The fuse must have been ignited a "ringdon-st.", or just before. The smoke had been in full blast at King's Cross, it would have attracted more attention than it did. Farrist had put the fuse and the match in the train must have

With the approach of the Whit Sunday holidays come the arrangements by the various railway companies of cheap excursions to all parts of the United Kingdom and Continent. The holiday in previous years has led the companies to make special arrangements to ensure the convenience of intending passengers. To prevent inconvenience from crowding at the principal stations on the day of departure tickets and information can be obtained beforehand at the terminal stations and the City and West-end offices of the different companies.

The G.W. Ry. Co. announce excursions on Saturday to Cork and Killarney, leaving on Friday to Cardiff, Swansea, Wexford, and Killarney, Belfast, Glasgow, and Cardiff. Other stations are S. Wales and Ireland. The excursion train for the West of England will leave Paddington at 10 a.m. on Saturday, reaching Exeter in 10 hours and Plymouth in 7½ hours, and excursions will also be run to Bath, Bristol, Lynton, Weymouth, Oxford, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Liverpool, Douglas (via Manchester), Llandudno, &c. Returns at 24s 6d, will also be run to Guernsey, Jersey, and the Continent. On Whit Sunday a special excursion will run to Swindon, Gloucester, Cheltenham, &c., leaving Paddington at 8.35 a.m. On the Bank Holiday excursions will be run to Reading, Gloucester, Bristol, &c., and on Whit Tuesday a special excursion will be run to Exeter, Plymouth, and the Continent.

press half-day excursion will be run from Oxford and Stratford-on-Avon. Excursions will be run to London from most of the principal stations, and cross country excursions have also been arranged. The following are the ordinary trains which will be run on Saturdays:—  
On Saturday, a number of trains will run duplicate to the West of England, and North, and S. Wales.  
The L. and S.W. Ry Co. announce on Saturday special extra trains for Cornwall and N. and S. Devon, and a special train to Cherbourg, Guernsey, and Jersey. The day also cheap excursions will be run to Waterloo, &c., for Plymouth, Salis-  
bury, Marlborough, Swindon, Cheltenham, and Burnham, Winchester, Southampton, Bournemouth, Bournemouth, and Plymouth, and the night, Plymouth, &c. Day excursions will be run from Waterloo to

White Sunday, at 8.10 a.m. for Southsea, Portsmouth (West), New Forest and Bournemouth; and at 8.45 a.m. for Portsmouth, Ryde, and at 9.0 a.m. for Aldershot and Farnham; and at 10.15 a.m. for Southampton. A special excursion trip for Seaton, Sidmouth, Exmouth, Bournemouth, Southampton (trips round the Isle of Wight in each direction), Winchester, Romsey, and Bournemouth direct. Additional facilities will likewise afforded for the following places: Southampton via the Portsmouth branch via Stokes Bay, via Southampton, and via Lyntonling. The Co. have also arranged to run the usual express trains direct from Epsom for the summer season.

The L.C. and D.R. Co. announce cheap return tickets will be issued to other places, available to return on or before June 9. Express trains at exorbitant fares will be run on White Sunday from Monday to the principal Kentish seaside places, and also on (by the same train) On Whit Monday excursions to tickets will also be issued to London via

the Crystal Palace, and to the Court Exhibition, from the principal railway stations. The facilities for passage to the Continent are greatly improved, and a special new feature will be the issue of first and second class return tickets by the 9.0 a.m. day service to Victoria and Holborn to Paris, on June 2, day, available to return by the 9.0 a.m. day service to Victoria on the 3rd of the month of issue. Those tourists desirous of visiting the Brussels Exhibition can also obtain return tickets, available via Calais, Ostend, at very low rates. All the facilities enable the tourist to travel at a very low cost, and the period of validity of the tickets can be extended at the fast services, and can be obtained in advance at the booking offices, dated at the convenience of passengers.

The L.B. and S.C. Ry. Co. announce that their special cheap weekend excursion tickets to Paris, by the 9.0 a.m. day service, will be extended for return up to and including June 2. Special Friday, Saturday, and Sunday to Wednesday tickets, also issued from London to Dieppe, for Saturday, a 14-day excursion to the Continent, and to Rouen, will be issued on the special day express service, and also by the fixed night express service on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday.

Monday. On Whit Sunday and Tuesday day trips at greatly reduced fares will run from Brighton to Bournemouth, Exeter, Plymouth, Southampton, London, Dover, Folkestone, Hastings, Margate, Newhaven, and Worthing. The following trains will be run from London to Brighton, Hove, and Worthing by the traffic to the Crystal Palace Victorian Loan Exhibition and Show on Whit Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, returning in the evening at frequent intervals. Special Saturday Tuesday tickets will be available at most of the stations en route. On Whit Tuesday cheap day trips will run to Brighton, Hove, and Worthing.

The L. & N.W. Co. announce that Friday's afternoon train will leave at 12.0 p.m. for Llandudno, Holyhead, and Welshpool. On Saturday's special will leave Exeter for Harrow, King's Langley, Boxmoor, Berkhamstead, Hemel Hempstead, Watlington, Tring, Cheddington, Leighton, and

The G.N. Ry. Co. announce excursions on Friday to Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Glasgow, & Manchester, Hull, Manchester, Scotland, Bradford, &c.; also to the towns in Cambridge, Suffolk, &c. Additional trains will be run on Friday and Saturday to Colchester, Norwich, Yarmouth, Cambridge, &c. On Saturday, trains will leave Liverpool at Southend, Llandudno, Lowestoft, and Yarmouth, accommodation of persons detailed on Saturday, special midnight train will leave Liverpool at 11.55 p.m. for Norwich, Ipswich, Cambridge, and London. On Sunday, trains will leave Liverpool at Southend, Lowestoft via Ipswich, calling at the intermediate stations. On Bank Holiday excursion trains will be run to Burnham-on-Crouch, and Yarmouth excursion tickets will be issued for trains to Epping Forest, Broxbourne, &c. The first excursion train will be run from Liverpool at 8.20 a.m., due at Lowestoft, Ipswich, &c., due at 8.22 a.m.

The G.N. Ry. Co. announce Friday's cheap excursion will be Northampton, Durham, Newcastle, Leeds, Glasgow, Perth, Dundee, Aberdeen, and other stations returning on Tuesday or Saturday. Saturday cheap excursions will be 3, 6, and 9 days to York, Bradford, Leeds, Liverpool, Manchester, Birmingham, Lincoln, Cambridge, &c. On the same excursions for 3, 5, or 8 days, will also be run from Halifax,

Brix, and  
 Periboro, &c. On Whit Monday cheap  
 day excursions will be run to St. Albans,  
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 Biggleswade, St. Neots, Huntingdon,  
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 Ry. Co.'s announcements include cheap  
 trips to Southend, Westcliffe-on-Sea, and  
 Leigh, the return fare on Whit Sunday,

Monday and Tuesday, being 2s. 6d. Special fast and ordinary trains will be run at frequent intervals. Cheap tickets will also be issued on Whit Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday from Fenchurch-st., Stepney, and Burdett-rd., Greenw. and back, 1s. 6d., and to Rotherhill Garden (including Sunday) and back, 1s. 9d.

The S. E. Ry. Company announces a number of cheap day excursions to Hastings, Deal, Ramsgate, Sheerness, &c., and special trains for Hayes, Blackheath, Greenwich (for Rotherhill Gardens), &c. Cheap return tickets, available by certain trains, are issued every Saturday to Hastings, St. Leonards, Hythe, and Sandgate, and holders may return by any day train on 8th, 10th, 15th, or 17th day. Return fare 7s. (3rd class) and number of cheap Con- tinental excursions are also announced.

The Midland Ry. Co. announces a number of cheap excursions to Ireland and Scotland on Saturday. Cheap trains will be run to Leicester, Birmingham, Wolverhampton, Nottingham, Derby, Burton, Stockport, Southport, Liverpool, Manchester, Eddisbury, Warrington, Blackpool, Chester, Blackpool, Carnarvon, Wrexham, Huddersfield, Halifax, Sheffield, Barnsley, Leeds, Bradford, York, Hull, Scarborough, Sunderland, Newcastle-on-Tyne, &c. Tickets will be available for 3, 6, or 8 days, returning on June 7, 10, or 12. Excursions are also announced to the Isle of Man, English Lake District, &c. On Bank Holiday a cheap train will be run to Birmingham, for 1, 4, or 8 days, returning on the following day.

At the Sheriff's Court, Preston, Miss Ellen Chadwick, of Stock, brought an action for breach of promise of mar-

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